

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims of the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A suspension, comprising:

an axle hung from a chassis by resilient support means with different spring characteristics and arranged forwards and rearwards of the axle, said axle being allowed to undergo rolling motion due to a difference in spring characteristics of the forward and rearward resilient support means wherein said forwards and rearward resilient support means are ~~vertically expandable/contractible~~ deflectable at positions respectively forwardly and rearwardly spaced from the axle, the forward resilient support means comprises a single leaf spring fitted at a base end thereof to the axle and extending forwards in the vehicle to form a J-shaped bend convex forwards curved portion in the vehicle, said leaf spring being mounted at a tip portion thereof to a chassis side member and wherein the rearward resilient support means comprises an air spring interposed between a bracket fitted to the axle and extending rearwards in the vehicle and the chassis side member above the bracket, said J-shaped convex forwards curved portion being spaced from said tip portion of said leaf spring.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The suspension according to claim 1 which comprises suspension links wherein only an upper portion of the axle is locked by said suspension links so as not to be movable longitudinally of the vehicle.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A suspension, comprising:

an axle hung from a chassis by resilient support mechanisms having turn spring characteristics and arranged forwards and rearwards of the axle, said axle being allowed to undergo rolling motion due to a difference in spring characteristics of the forward and rearward resilient support mechanisms, wherein said forward and rearward resilient support mechanisms are ~~vertically expandable/contractible~~ deflectable at positions respectively forwardly and rearwardly spaced from the axle, the forward resilient support mechanism comprises a single leaf spring fitted at a base end thereof to the axle and extending forwards in the vehicle to form a J-shaped bend convex forward curved portion in the vehicle, said leaf spring being mounted at the tip portion thereof to a chassis side member and the rearward resilient support mechanism comprises an air spring interposed between a bracket fitted on the axle and extending rearwardly in the vehicle and the chassis side member above the bracket, said J-shaped convex forward curved portion being spaced from said tip portion of said leaf spring.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The suspension according to claim 5, which comprises suspension links wherein only an upper portion of the axle is locked by said suspension links so as not to be moveable longitudinally in the vehicle.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The suspension according to claim 6, which comprises suspension links wherein only an upper portion of the axle is locked by said suspension links so as not to be moveable longitudinally of the vehicle.